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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

DOMESTIC.

An explosion at the works of the Independent Powder company, situated four miles southwest of Carthage, Mo., wrecked the mixing room, killing three persons, and injuring three others, one fatally.

A call has been issued to the larger building trades unions of the country to send three representatives each to a conference to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., October 8. It is hoped at this meeting to effect the formation of a national federation of building trades.

At Newport, R. I., H. L. Doherty, of England, defeated W. A. Larned, of New Jersey, and to his title of tennis champion of England added that of champion of the United States.

More than 4,000 Smiths were present at the twenty-eighth and largest reunion of the Smith family and friends at Peasack, N. J. Their ages ranged from a few weeks to 80 years.

Four thousand government printing office employees began taking the oath of allegiance to the United States before a notary public at Washington.

Land frauds perpetrated on Indian Territory Indians will be investigated by a special commission sent by Secretary Hitchcock. Charges are practically confirmed by the latter.

Loss of life and much damage to crops and railway property resulted from an unusually heavy rainfall in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Seven inches of rain fell in 24 hours in Omaha. The storm belt extends to the Atlantic coast.

Long Island was captured by the navy in the mine attack on Portland, Me. harbor. All of 17 opposing warships were destroyed later by the army. Former victory was the more important. The Olympia was damaged by running aground.

The committee on commercial law of the American Bar association reported in favor of drastic measures either to kill or curb trusts, three plans being proposed to tax them out of existence, to compel large reduction in prices or for the state to compete.

Portland, Me., was again saved by the forts from capture by ships in the naval war game. An attempt by Rear Admiral Barker's squadron to silence the forts and mine harbor was defeated.

Caleb Powers concluded his statement before the court at Georgetown, Ky., and the case was given to the jury.

Trade reviews of Dan and Bradstreet show no indication of depression in business predicted to follow declines in Wall street, and the general tone in trade and manufactures is healthy.

War with Colombia as a possible contingency should the canal treaty fail to secure favorable action. President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay conferred on the subject.

High water caused two deaths at Omaha, Neb., one at Council Bluffs, Ia., and three at Nodaway, Ia.

Dick Crenshaw broke the world's record in a five-mile cowboy relay race in Lamar, Col., the distance being made in 9:42.5. The record was previously made during the state fair at Pueblo in 1901.

The Metropolitan steamship H. M. Whitney, from New York to Boston, ran down and sank the schooner John Booth just west of New Haven. Six persons were drowned.

Caleb Powers was sentenced to death on his third trial for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, governor-elect of Kentucky. On two previous trials he had been sentenced to life imprisonment and has served three years.

The war game off Portland, Me., was brought to an end with a final attack by the "hostile" fleet lasting several hours. The umpires will decide on honors.

Owing to inability of the big yachts to cross the finishing line within the time limit, the third of the series of races for the America's cup was officially declared off. Reliance led all the way.

R. F. Davis, president of the First national bank of Park Rapids, Minn., was drowned in Fish Hook lake.

Six men were found guilty of taking part in the race riots at Danville, Ill., the night of July 25. They are Winfield Baker, John Walton, Adam Murray, Isaac Slade, John Robertson and Thomas Bell. William Redwine and Clay Biddle, who were also indicted, were found not guilty. The sentence calls for fine and imprisonment.

Three people were drowned at White Bear lake, near St. Paul, Minn., Sunday night by the overturning of a rowboat.

Two men were killed and two wounded by hold-up men at the barns of the Chicago City Railway company, Sixty-first and State streets. The shooting was done by three masked men, who escaped after securing \$3,000.

Chicago is now the most completely unionized city in the world. The membership increased 120,000 in the last year, and a total wage advance of \$9,500,000 has been secured.

The mimic war off the Maine coast was condemned by the Universal Peace union convention at Mystic, Conn., as farcical and extravagant. It declares it to be the nation's duty to make war impossible.

The farmers in the Kansas broom corn belt are daily petitioning the state employment bureau for laborers to save the crop.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

David G. Williams, of Cambria, Wis., aged 63 years, who was bitten by a rat two weeks ago, died from blood poisoning which resulted from the bite.

Martin Kellogg, ex-president of the University of California, died as the result of an operation for stomach and liver trouble.

Dr. Christopher G. Tiedman, dean of Buffalo law school, is dead.

Iowa populists held their state convention at Des Moines. A full ticket, headed by L. H. Weller, of Nodaway, for governor, was nominated. The Omaha platform was endorsed.

United States Senator Thomas R. Bard, of California, whose term expires in March, 1905, will not be a candidate for reelection.

The nomination at the primary elections of James K. Vardaman to be the democratic candidate for governor of Mississippi was secured. His friends claim 10,000 majority and his opponents concede a majority of 7,000.

Frederick Law Olmstead, landscape architect of the Chicago world's fair and many well-known parks, died in Waverly, Mass., aged 81 years.

The department of commerce and labor announces the appointment of Edwin W. Sims, as special attorney in the bureau of corporations. He has been practicing law in Chicago for the past ten years.

Sir Thomas Lipton declared in an interview that he would never challenge again for the America's cup until a man had been found in England who equaled Nat Herreshoff in yacht building.

Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver has been sworn in as assistant secretary of war and is now head of the department, as Secretary Root is in Europe.

Brig. Gen. William H. Penrose, U. S. A., retired, died of typhoid fever at his home in Salt Lake City.

FOREIGN.

United States Vice Consul W. G. Magelssen was assassinated at Beirut, Syrian Turkey. President Roosevelt has ordered the European squadron, now coaling at ports along the French coast, to proceed to the scene and enforce the demands of the United States for prompt reparation.

An express train between Buda-Pesth and Constantinople was blown up by a dynamite bomb and seven persons killed and 15 injured. Revolutionaries are accused.

The announcement that the steamship Britannia was on its last voyage marks the end of one of the most famous of Atlantic liners. The ship will be broken up for junk.

Since the representations made by United States Minister Leishman regarding the attempt on the life of Vice Consul Magelssen the authorities at Beirut are displaying a marked activity in their efforts to find the culprit.

Turkish troops sent to reinforce the garrison at Kirk-Kilissch, near Adrianople, were routed by insurgents, whose numbers are estimated at 5,000.

Trains collided near Adine, Italy. Twenty lives were lost and 80 persons injured.

English farmers are depressed at the agricultural outlook. Grain is moldering in heavy rains and the harvest is stopped.

With tremendous detonations heard for miles around a new fissure opened in the cone of Vesuvius, and from the new gap came pouring out tons of burning lava which flowed in the direction of the village of Ottajano.

According to a dispatch from Uskub, the Turks are very bitter toward the Europeans, believing it to be their intention to drive the Turks out of Europe.

Eleven Spaniards, who were engaged on the wreck of the Spanish steamer Iruak-Bat, near Tarifa, Spain, were drowned during a sudden squall.

President Palma, on behalf of the Cuban Agrarian league, sent a message to President Roosevelt expressing belief that reciprocity will be approved.

Washington has been notified that Americans are in danger from uprising and massacre in Harput and Beirut, and Turkey has been warned that she will be held to strict accountability for lawless acts. The city of Adrianople is reported to be burning, and Turks are said to be engaged in a massacre of the inhabitants. Admiral Cotton's squadron is at Genoa on its way to the orient.

Ira C. Bradley, aged 60, who had been trying to establish in Cuba an American settlement known as the "Bradley Colony," was murdered near Holguin, Cuba. The only motive ascribed for the murder was robbery.

William C. Magelssen, vice consul at Beirut, Syria, was not killed, as at first reported, but was shot at by an intending assassin. The European squadron will continue to Turkish waters, as a demonstration is believed necessary to assure safety of American citizens there.

LATER.

Judge Timmonds, at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 31st, overruled the motion for arrest of judgment in the case of Senator Wm. P. Sullivan, of St. Louis county, Mo., who was recently tried, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 for soliciting a bribe of \$1,500 from a representative of baking powder interests for three votes in favor of the bill to repeal the anti-trust law.

There was a general resumption of work, on the 31st, in the numerous mills of the American Woolen Co., throughout New England, which have been shut down from one to two weeks. Upwards of 25,000 hands participated in the vacation. Cotton mills also in various sections resumed after periods of curtailment or idleness on account of the cotton situation.

Gov. Chatterton of Wyoming, on the 31st, announced his intention to appoint W. C. Irvine state treasurer, to succeed Henry G. Hay, who resigned to accept a position with the United States Steel corporation at New York. Mr. Irvine is manager of the Leiter cattle ranches in Wyoming.

Dr. Philip Wolf, formerly editor of the Boston Saturday Evening Gazette, and also connected with the Boston Leader, but a resident of New York city for the past two years, died at his home, on the 31st, of apoplexy, aged 55 years. He was the author of a number of novels.

Again, on the 31st, the beautiful cup defender Reliance failed to register her third victory over Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, Shamrock III, because the wind died to nothing and the time limit of five and a half hours expired before she could reach the finish line.

Andrew Geddes, for some years chief clerk of the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., was relieved of office, on the 31st, on charges of a personal nature, and R. Burch, chief clerk of the bureau of animal industry, has been appointed to succeed him.

The transport Thomas, which sailed from San Francisco, on the 31st, for the Philippine islands, touching at Honolulu and Guam, carried \$5,000,000 in Philippine silver certificates, accompanied by a guard of 25 enlisted men of the Fourteenth cavalry.

Senator B. L. Matthews, of St. Louis county, Mo., will be tried on the indictment for receiving a bribe of \$1,000 from Daniel J. Kelly for his vote on the alum bill in the Missouri legislature, on Monday, November 16.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

President Loubet, of France, says he will not be a candidate for any office when his present term expires.

Mr. Grau has offered Mary Anderson de Navarro \$225,000 for a series of 150 readings from Shakespeare and other poets.

The next quadrennial convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association of the United States will be held at Naperville, Ill., in 1907.

In an interview in Grand Rapids, Mich., Col. John E. Y. Blake says that another Boer war is imminent, and that it will take place within the next year.

The Russian minister of the interior has written to the Zionist congress in Switzerland encouraging the movement for an independent state in Palestine.

Edward Brunner was caught by his brother George while falling from a scaffold in New York, five stories above the street, and saved from death.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has been placed under surveillance by the Chicago Anti-Boycott association officials. Prosecution is threatened for his monthly list of "unfair" firms.

A study of Xenia (O.) negro population prepared by Carroll D. Wright shows that with 1,988 blacks to 8,696 white residents, the former population remained stationary in ten years, in spite of constant immigration.

It is reported in New York that Carrie Nation is going on the stage in a temperance play.

In an article on "The Age of the World" Sir Edward Fry, the famous English geologist, declares that 450,000,000 of years must have elapsed since the existence of life on the globe.

The defalcation of officials of Methodist enterprises in Boston and San Francisco may cause a general overhauling of all Methodist concerns.

Edison, in referring to the effect of burns by radium or Roentgen rays, gives a new theory of cancer and suggests as a cure injection of blood to counteract the destruction of amoeboid cells.

Darles and Cyrus Cobb, the twin brother artists of Boston, celebrated their sixty-ninth birthday recently.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

The Mansfield canning factory is running full blast, tomatoes being the principal product.

The bank at Dalton, with a capital stock of \$10,000, was chartered by the secretary of state.

Frank Melugin, of Carthage, is preparing to irrigate 100 acres of land near that town.

The Missouri editors had the keys and the privileges of the world's fair Thursday. There were 200 of them who took advantage of the privilege. Later they left on the Chicago & Alton for Chicago.

The Bank of Arrow Rock, at Arrow Rock, Saline county, was visited by four burglars at an early hour the other morning. The vault was blown open and wrecked. The burglars secured a small sum of money and hastily made their escape, the explosion arousing the whole town.

The total paid admissions to the state fair at Sedalia last week were 21,852, while the gate receipts were \$5,500 in excess of last year. Although the amount of premiums was \$8,000 more than in 1902, the fair will have more than \$2,000 in the treasury after all indebtedness is paid.

Mrs. Lula Kerchevell, of Macon, is one of the youngest women that ever sued for divorce in Missouri. She is only 16 years old. She was married last March to Samuel Kerchevell, aged 19. She says that she went for a visit with her relatives in Fayette in July and when she returned he was gone.

D. S. Farmer has brought a novel slander suit in Macon county. He asks the circuit court to give him \$7,500 of B. F. Jenkins' money because, as he alleges, the latter told him by telephone that he (Farmer) had squandered \$300 or \$400 of the money of the Lunday & Zion Telephone company.

Jeff Martin, a farmer living near Fulton, was pitching hay in his barn loft the other day, when he saw a big rat. Stealthily he crept forward, pitchfork in hand, and dealt the enemy a terrific blow. Then he slipped out the hay loft window and broke his left leg. To make the affair all the more humiliating Martin learned later that his rat was a small black bottle of buggy oil.

"I shall take no part in the gubernatorial contest," said Senator William J. Stone. "There is no reason why I should. I have told Mr. Folk and others as much. They know my position exactly. I have not spoken to Judge Gantt about the matter. The candidate for governor will be nominated without my assistance or interference."

Mrs. Naomi Wright, in the enjoyment of almost perfect health, has just celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday in Ten Mile township, Macon county. Five generations assembled to do her honor and the roll call showed five children, 34 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Her oldest son is 70. With her husband she came to Missouri in a wagon pulled by oxen in 1829.

Mrs. Mary H. Hughes, of Macon, considers that ten years' patience is all that virtue requires. She has, therefore, sued her husband, David R. Hughes, for divorce. The couple were married 51 years ago. Hughes was of a migratory disposition and several times left home and was gone a few years. In 1893 he left without warning and has not been seen or heard from by his wife since. She thinks a decade is as long as she should wait for his return.

Ree Ludwick, the five-year-old son of a prominent farmer near Butler, died in excruciating agony from eating horse corn chops and grass. The child had been playing "horse" with a number of playmates. He portrayed the prancing steed and when hitched thought to further the reality of the innocent game by consuming real animal fodder, to the great delight of his little companions. Shortly afterward the tiny "horse" failed to prance. He was afflicted with cramps and finally fell to the ground and writhed with pain. His parents were informed and, despite all that physicians could do, the child died.

After being docketed a number of times the motion for a change of venue in the case of Clarence A. Barnes, charged with murder in the second degree, for shooting Representative Rhodes Clay to death in Mexico last summer, once more failed of trial at Mexico last week. Judge Davis being sworn off of the bench by attorneys for the defense, who charged prejudice. Judge Houston Johnson, the regular justice for this judicial circuit, then adjourned court until Thursday, September 3, when it is thought he will have secured a circuit judge satisfactory to both sides in the case. Since the death of Judge Hughes, two months ago, four circuit judges have been disqualified from trying the case through interest, relationship and alleged prejudice. Judge Hughes had heard the case, but died before rendering a decision.

WAR IS IMMINENT BETWEEN NATIONS

Only a Miracle Can Avert War Between Bulgaria and Turkey.

IS INFLUENCED BY GERMANY.

The Revolt Has Become General. Soldiers Attack Peasants Without Interference—Population Subjected to Every Outrage.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 1.—Both in official and revolutionary circles the opinion is freely held that war between Bulgaria and Turkey is imminent, and can be averted by nothing short of a miracle. It is not expected that either government will formally declare hostilities, but that the prevailing conditions will force on a war.

There is no question that large numbers of insurgents have recently crossed the frontier. An extensive outbreak in northern Macedonia is possible any day. The Autonomie prints a telegram from Constantinople declaring that the sultan, influenced by the counsels of Germany, now favors a war with Bulgaria. The Turks here, however, take an optimistic view, asserting that there is no danger of a war, as Turkey does not desire one, and Prince Ferdinand and the present Bulgarian government are not in a position to force hostilities.

Unable to Stop Atrocities.

The Bulgarian agent at Uskub reports that the detachments of Turkish troops sent to garrison the small towns in that vilayet have spread destruction along their route, the villagers have been robbed and beaten, the women violated and the Christian population subjected to every conceivable outrage, while the local authorities appear to be helpless to stop the atrocities. At the village of Dracheve, six miles from Uskub the soldiers attacked all the peasants without the gendarmes interfering on behalf of the latter. The Bulgarian agent specifies similar excesses in many other villages, and the position of the Bulgarian residents is reported to be terrible.

Up to six o'clock Monday evening Prince Ferdinand had not arrived in Sofia and the court officials declare that they are without information as to his movement.

Insurgents Offered Amnesty.

Salonica, Sept. 1.—The Turks have occupied Klissura, Albania, without resistance. A number of Bulgarian villages in its vicinity were burned.

Inspector-General Hilmi Pasha recently sent a commission composed of five Christians and five Turks to offer amnesty to the insurgents on condition that they lay down their arms before the great feast in honor of the sultan's coronation.

Revolt Is Spreading.

The revolt has become general at Caza and Yenidje, 25 miles from Salonica, and is spreading to Ghergheh and Tikhvesh, 65 miles from Salonica. Saraff, the revolutionary leader, has arrived in the neighborhood of Salonica for the purpose of directing the movements in this district.

Some Turkish officers, August 29, sold 15 cases of Martini rifles and a quantity of ammunition to Bulgarians.

THE MINISTER FROM TURKEY.

He Has a Long Interview With Secretary Hay, But Was Reluctant as to Result.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Chekib Bey the Turkish minister, had a long interview, Monday, with Secretary Hay. He refused to discuss the interview, stating that he had nothing to communicate further than what appeared in the press dispatches Sunday morning. After the interview, Secretary Hay visited the navy department. If the Turkish minister requested that the European squadron be kept away from Turkish waters, his request probably can not be granted, even should this government desire to accede to it, as the navy department states that it will be impossible to communicate with either the Brooklyn or San Francisco until they arrive at Beirut. Chekib Bey assured Secretary Hay that the Turkish government had done nothing wrong, and will use every endeavor to protect American citizens residing in Turkey. He also discussed the conditions of the insurrection in Turkey, and said that the Turkish government was not responsible for any of the disasters that had occurred. Secretary Hay's call on Acting Secretary Darling was for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of the European squadron, and also what their orders are. There is no intention of changing any orders at present, especially as the ships can not be reached until they arrive at Beirut. No messages of importance were received from Minister Leishman Monday.